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Applicant: Tushar Patel et al.

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the final Office Action dated July 19, 2007.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

A copy of the **Pending Claims** is attached hereto. No amendments are made.